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## Teacher Quits Out of Frustration About Future of Dance

By Mary Willis  
Bulletin Staff Writer

For the Mary Washington College dance department, whose future at the college has been in jeopardy, the future looks even dimmer after a top dance professor announced her resignation earlier this month.

Cathy Paine, assistant professor of dance at MWC, informed the Dramatic Arts Department Chairperson

Michael Joyce earlier this month that she will resign from her position.

"I don't feel like I have been treated very well by the administration, and the arts are obviously not of any particular value to the people here that are currently making decisions," she said.

Paine said that she decided to resign because of the administration's reluctance to make a decision as to whether dance will be eliminated as a major at Mary

Washington.

"They have really procrastinated in making this decision. We were told several times that it would be made before Thanksgiving but it wasn't. We are tired of waiting," she said.

A year and a half ago rumors were circulated between the administration and the dance department that the

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Cathy Paine, assistant professor of dance, says MWC doesn't value the arts.

## Angry About Bias, Professor Reveals Homosexuality

Disclosure Prompted By "Offensive" Debate Over Gays In The Military

By Kristen Green  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

A Mary Washington College professor disclosed his homosexuality this week amid national debate over the issue of gays in the military.

Donald Rallis, professor of geography, submitted a column to the *Bulletin* in which he acknowledged that he is gay, something he said his friends and family have known for over a decade. In the 1,000 word column, Rallis expressed his anger about being harassed because of his homosexuality and wrote of being attacked outside a gay bar and of being sent hate mail.

"I think I should have been more public sooner," Rallis said. "Every person who comes out of the closet makes a personal statement against homophobia."

Rallis' disclosure comes shortly after President Bill Clinton announced that the military will stop asking recruits to disclose their sexual orientation. Clinton set a July 15 deadline for a draft executive order that will officially stop the practice of excluding homosexuals from serving in the armed forces solely on the basis of their sexual preferences.

Rallis said that though many people consider the lifting of the ban a "peripheral issue," the issue is very central to at least 25 million Americans.



Donald Rallis

"We (homosexuals) are here to stay and we're not going anywhere," he said. "If people can't deal with it, then that's their problem."

Rallis, angry about being discriminated against because of his sexual preferences, hopes to eliminate some ignorance about homosexuality by publicly coming out of the closet.

"What I'm hoping to achieve is that when people talk about discriminating against 'them'... or when they offer stereotypes, they think of me," Rallis said.

"I've heard a lot of homophobic comments from faculty as well as students," he said. "This community has its share of bigots."

Rallis said the GLBSA has been criticized as being "too radical homosexual." Yet he said the MWC campus is not "unusually hostile" and that he has received nothing but support from his colleagues at the college about his decision to make his sexuality public.

The college's statement of non-discrimination says the college does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in recruiting, admitting,

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Seniors celebrate at last week's 100th night.

Photos Mike Woodward

## New Keg Law Breaks Old Drinking Habits

By Jennifer Dockey  
Bulletin Staff Writer

William Street Market sold only one keg of beer during the entire month of January. Owner Ramesh

Pater says he used to sell approximately four or five kegs in an average week, but students simply are not buying kegs like they used to.

Pater cited a new Virginia law that requires the purchaser of a keg to sign a form

stating that no one under the age of 21 will drink from the keg as a reason for the decrease in keg purchases. According to Pater, the form places complete responsibility on the purchaser if any underage drinking occurs.

*"It's not good for business: but it's good for the community."*

- Ramesh Pater,  
William Street Market

"It's a good thing they did this to stop underage drinking. It's not good for business, but it's good for the community," said Pater.

The law also mandates that the purchaser give the address of where the keg will be served. Many stu-

dents believe that police officers are monitoring the kegs in efforts to break up parties, but Pater says that no police officers have come in to check at his store, which is located two blocks from campus.

James Shelhorse, Community Relations Officer of the Fredericksburg Police Department, said that police officers wait until they receive complaints from Fredericksburg residents before they attempt to break up parties, but students are still wary.

The law went into effect on Jan. 13, right after the start of the spring semester, and students claim that they have seen immediate changes in the off-campus party scene.

"We had a party recently, and we bought ten cases of beer instead of a keg. We do have friends that are underage, and we're not going to be held responsible for everyone else," said MWC alumnus Dan Turner.

Students claim that they feel intimidated by the law, and not many seem willing to take the risk.

"The police can bust parties so much easier now that they know where to look. I just don't want to take that responsibility. I'd rather buy cases of beer, or let people bring their own. If underage people want to drink, they're going to. I don't have parties to

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## Survey Shows Community Takes Pride in MWC Despite Complaints

By Kristen Green  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Though college neighbors are tired of having college students use the parking spaces in front of their houses and of being kept awake by loud, late night parties, a recent survey shows that most residents consider the college an asset to the community.

The survey, conducted so that college officials could learn more about local residents' attitudes and opinions about the college, was administered in October 1992 by MWC Director of Public Information Ron Singleton and Assistant Professor of Business Administration Marge Klayton. The six-page questionnaire, mailed to approximately 900 homes in the triangular area surrounding the college which is encompassed by Rt. 1, William St., and Kenmore Ave., was filled out and returned to the college by nearly 600 residents.

Of the 555 responses compiled for survey results, 39 percent said they had either gradu-

ated from MWC or attended for at least one year.

Residents said that the primary advantages of living near the college were strong, stable property values, cultural opportunities, high quality of life near the college, access to the campus grounds and educational opportunities.

Twenty-seven percent of the survey respondents said they consider lack of parking to be the major disadvantage of living near the college. The community residents listed noise, traffic congestion, rental property and trash as the other main downsides of living near the college.

Regardless of the disadvantages, 90 percent of those surveyed said that they are proud to have MWC as part of the community.

"Even though they had suggestions and criticisms, they would put down that they strongly agreed that they're proud of the institution,"

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Public Information Director Ron Singleton recently conducted a community relations study.

### SELECTED RESULTS OF RECENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS STUDY

- 27 percent of respondents cited lack of parking as the major disadvantage of living near the college
- 90 percent said they are proud to have MWC as part of the community
- 30 percent rated MWC's efforts to maintain good relations with neighbors as fair or poor

## Ward 2 Seat Still Open After Fifth Council Vote

By Jennifer Dockey  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Efforts by Fredericksburg residents and Mary Washington College students to sway City Council from its deadlocked position on the present candidates for the vacant Ward 2 position have failed.

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, a council vote again ended in a 3-3 tie, this time between Ann Jarrell and Anthony Jenkins, two of the nine applicants vying to represent Ward 2.

In December, Jarrell and Marian Benish each received three votes for the vacant position.

According to City Attorney James M. Pates, it may now be necessary for the courts to make an interim appointment while a special election is scheduled. Pates indicated that the courts may be more willing to make

an appointment if a request is made by a private citizen.

Jenkins, Jarrell, Benish, Nathaniel Young, Thomas Rainey, Jauncey Sweet, Mary Brooks, David Grover and Harold Bannister have all applied to fill the position vacated by Betty Gordon in November.

Gordon resigned from her term, which expires in June 1994, in the midst of harsh criticism following the September firing of City Manager Anthony I. Hooper. Some Ward 2 residents said at that time that Gordon failed to sufficiently represent Mary Washington College, which is part of Ward 2.

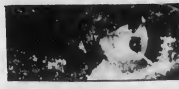
City Council has voted five times to fill the vacancy, but each vote has ended in a tie.

In Tuesday's vote, Jenkins was sup-

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**SPORTS** - Women's swim team lead by blend of old and new. See page 7.



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## Survivor Of Childhood Incest Shares Story At College Forum

By Christina Higgins  
Bulletin Staff Writer

One in three women are abused by the age of eighteen, an adult survivor of incest told the Mary Washington College community last Wednesday. During a forum sponsored by the Women's Issues Group on Jan. 27, Polly Newman, facilitator coordinator for the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault, shared her story of childhood incest and discussed the healing processes needed for victims of incest.

Newman said that one in three women are abused by the age of eighteen and that MWC is in need of an incest support group.

"It's very important at the college age to deal with those issues in order to save a lot of heartache," she said. "Even if you haven't been abused, one day you'll meet someone who has been."

Wendy Cannon, facilitator for RCASA, said that the issue of childhood incest is especially important for college age women to address for another reason as well. She said that women are "234 percent more likely to be date raped if they have experienced childhood incest and kept silent."

According to Newman, 33 percent of the population were sexually abused as children in some way, although only six percent of all cases are reported.

Newman, one of the 10 to 25 million survivors of childhood incest in America, said she remembered sexual advances from her father from before the age of ten until age 19, when she left her home and married. Ten years later, after she attempted suicide, she finally revealed her secret to her husband.

Newman said that many men and women may be "living with the effects of incest whether or not [they] are aware of the incest ever having taken place." She said that one of the negative effects of childhood incest is absence of self-esteem.

Newman said that she encouraged men and women who have been molested to find help before they enter abusive relationships and continue the common generational cycle of incest.

Newman said she became a part of the cycle of abuse when she released her anger and guilt from her childhood experiences by physically abusing her five year old son.

"I didn't know how to have a healthy relationship with my husband and

child," she said.

Newman said that she was molested by her own father as well as her mother's stepfather. She said her mother was also molested as a child by her natural father when her mother was 13.

According to Cannon, 80 percent of all male sex offenders were victims themselves. She said that female victims have less of a chance of becoming offenders because they identify with the victims, while male victims tend to "identify with the power of the offenders" and often continue the cycle by sexually abusing someone they know.

Newman emphasized that in order for the abuse to stop, "the silence has to be broken."

Newman organized a community awareness seminar, "Pathways to Recovery," which has been held at Summit Presbyterian Church in Stafford once a month since November of 1992. The next seminar will be held on Feb. 2 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Heidi Zirkle, president of the Women's Issues Group, said she hopes that the information provided in this forum will help to encourage the establishment of an on-campus support group for victims of childhood incest.

## Policebeat

### Seven Drug Arrests Reported At MWC In 1992

By Adam Fike  
Bulletin Staff Writer

In 1992 there were seven drug arrests on campus. Four arrests were for dealing, three for possession. The drugs consisted mostly of marijuana, cocaine and valium.

#### Larceny/Theft

On Jan. 14, in two separate incidents, Christmas lights were stolen from a room on Mason Hall's fifth floor. Lights were stolen from the first floor of Bushnell Hall on Jan. 15. After for stealing the lights so long after Christmas was not reported in

any of the incidents.

On Jan. 14 a sleeping bag was stolen from the Bushnell Hall lobby.

#### Intoxication

On Jan. 15 an intoxicated female was taken to the health center and another student was taken to Mary Washington Hospital on Jan. 17 for similar reasons.

On Jan. 16 Maurice Craighill III, a student, was charged for driving under the influence. He was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a retractable baton.

On Jan. 17 Raymond Walker, a non-student, was charged for driving under the influence.

#### Miscellaneous

On Jan. 15 an unidentified gas smell was reported in one of the dorms. However, no natural gas lines run to that building. The fire department was called, but was unable to detect any threatening substances in the air. On Jan. 15 a female student reported an incident of indecent exposure of a worker on the construction site of the new dorm. The worker, who was standing on the structure itself at the time of the incident, has not been identified. Police said flashers are often not identified, as the victims are so surprised that they do not look at the flasher's face. The incident is still under investigation.

## NEWS BRIEFS

#### Three MWC Students To Present Papers At Conference In West Indies

Senior Jason Caddell and juniors Scooter Woolridge and Christina Avery are the first undergraduates in the 19-year history of the international conference of the African Literature Association invited to deliver research papers. The students will travel with Dr. Tadesse Adera, assistant professor of English, to Guadeloupe, West Indies.

#### Student Association To Hold Elections

WORKSHOPS: Monday, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. in the Campus Center Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center.

NOMINATIONS: Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. in Monroe 104. OPEN FORUM: Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Monroe 104.

ELECTIONS: Friday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the Campus Center.

#### Spring Break "Habitat for Humanity"

MWC is participating in the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge Alternative Spring Break Program. During the week of March 7-13, the MWC COAR chapter is joining Virginia's Eastern Shore Habitat in Bell Haven, Va., in an effort to build decent, affordable housing with people who live in poverty housing conditions. For more information call 899-4821 or 899-4963.

## SURVEY

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Singleton said.

Respondents consistently rated lack of parking as the primary disadvantage of living near the college. Thirty-six percent considered parking to be the most important issue that needs to be addressed by MWC.

However, while 74 percent considered parking to be a serious problem for those homeowners who live near the college, only 26 percent said that they are personally affected by having students frequently take all parking in front of their homes.

The survey, conducted in October, did not allow for response to the new parking plan which was instituted at the start of the spring semester. The plan, designed to alleviate some of the parking problems, eliminated all commuter parking on side streets in College Heights, the residential area directly across from College Avenue.

The college also purchased Sunshine Laundry, located on the corner of Route 1 and Sunken Road, to convert into a parking lot. Construction of the lot, scheduled to begin this summer after the college takes ownership on June 30, 1993, is a further measure to improve the parking situation on campus.

Singleton, who recently presented the results of the study to the senior staff of the college, said that President of the College William Anderson, asked the senior staff to recommend ways to improve college/community relations. Singleton said that a college advisory group consisting of students, faculty, and staff may be formed to study the concerns of the community.

Singleton, who wrote and con-

ducted the survey as part of his doctoral study at Virginia Commonwealth University, said that complaints about the college naturally follow growth of the college, a result he called the "ripple effect." He said that a minimal amount of disagreement between the community and the college is typical.

"Anytime you have a group of young people and settled families, you have somewhat of a clash of lifestyles. That's what we're seeing," Singleton said.

However, 30 percent of the respondents, over half of whom have lived in the college community for 20 years or longer, rated the college's efforts to maintain good relations with its neighbors as either fair or poor. Fourteen percent said that college interaction with community and city officials was the second major issue that needs to be addressed by the college, a concern that takes the backstage only to parking in residents' minds.

The questionnaire was issued soon after college officials withdrew from a college/community task force designed to alleviate problems between the community and the college. At the time, Marge Poyck Executive Assistant to the President said the task force had become "too politicized and adversarial."

Singleton said that top researchers told him not to expect responses from more than 25 percent of the questionnaires he sent out. Two of Clayton's marketing classes participated in a phone bank, a project in which they called residents who had not responded to the survey to ask them to fill in and return the questionnaire so

that the college would receive the 50 percent required to make the survey valid. Singleton said that after the phone bank, 66 percent of the questionnaires had been returned.

In a final section of the questionnaire, an open-ended question asked residents what they considered to be the two major disadvantages of living near the college. Though residents said that parking was the biggest disadvantage of living near the college, residents often had more specific complaints.

One resident complained about "Uncouth behavior: urinating in public, drunken/noisy students- particularly at night, destruction of shrubs, a general disregard for the peace of the residents" by college students.

Another resident said, "Student rental property deteriorates; cars parked on lawns; unkempt lawns; drink cans on curbs and in yards."

Other residents complained that student joggers think that they own the sidewalks and that there has been a surge of vandalism since the college began admitting males.

A few residents said that they did not have any problems with the college.

"One block away is not really a problem; less than one percent of students leave debris on yard or destroy cars. Most students are very nice- considerate," one resident said.

Another resident said, "After living directly across from the college all these years, I really see no disadvantage."



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# Debate Team Ranked Seventh In Nation Despite Graduation Losses

By Sarah Cox and Kristen Green  
Bulletin Staff Writers

Despite losing "valuable" seniors from last year's squad, the Mary Washington College debate team has recently been ranked seventh best in the nation among policy debate programs.

Ranked above Harvard College, University of Kansas, Wake Forest University, and Northwestern University, the debaters give much of the credit for their success to their coach, speech professor John Morello.

"Dr. Morello is an amazing coach," sophomore Heather Mullins said. "Even though we lost a lot of valuable seniors last year, I think the team's quality will still go up dramatically because of the improvements he's helped us make this year are incredible."

The debate team recently beat out top competition at the 15th Annual George Mason University Patriot Tournament held Jan. 15-17. The team also competed in a tournament at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., last weekend.

Morello said this year's team has been more successful than he expected. Last year's debate team, ranked tenth in the country at the end of the season, was affected by a big turnover when many of the debaters graduated.

"We lost a lot of experience which has been replaced by newer debaters," Morello said. "I've been pretty surprised at our success."

"Our goal is to do a little better than the previous year," he said.

Morello said this year's policy debate topic, the development of assistance policy in South Asia, is a difficult topic for his inexperienced team.

He said experienced debaters would be more likely to have success under this topic, but that even the newest debaters have handled the topic well.

"We don't just work with star debaters; we have a bigger team," he said.

Morello said that the team's ranking is based on the number of points the team is awarded for each win and the number of points subtracted for each loss. He said the team's ranking for the year is based on the best eight performances of the season.

The team attended seven tournaments last semester and has already attended three this spring. Once the team has surpassed the primary eight tournaments they need to attend in order to be ranked, the remaining tournaments are used to improve the rank. If the team scores higher at a

tournament than it has previously, the new score can replace a lower score, according to Morello.

"Unlike other rankings which are sometimes an opinion poll, the debate rankings are calculated by performance in tournaments," Morello said.

Morello said the most experienced debaters, junior Patrick McMullen and junior George Townsend, who placed third at the Naval Academy tournament this weekend, have a chance to be asked to be attend the national tournament this year.

Morello credited assistant coach John Thomas for the improvement of the young team. Thomas, a 1992 MWC alumnus, was hired to assist the debaters in research and preparation of their arguments. Morello also gave the debaters credit for their work.

"Success goes to the debaters who

have worked hard," Morello said.

Freshman Jason Gordon said he spends four to five hours in practice rounds the week before a tournament and sophomore Heather Mullins said even more time is spent on research. "A top debater probably spends over 10 hours each week in the library," Mullins said.

"Everyone at the competitions had a top team," said sophomore Christine Ohlen, who brought home a sixth place individual speaker award from the GUMU tournament.

Gordon, who won first place individual speaker award and the first place junior varsity tournament award said, "I'm always surprised when I win. There are a lot of other talented people from all over the country."

Freshmen Adam Lurie and Mike Matlock won a quarter finals trophy at the George Mason tournament,

and sophomore Heather Mullins captured an eighth place individual speaker award. Gordon and Mullins also had first place team finishes in tournaments held at Randolph-Macon College and King College.

Fifteen Mary Washington students have competed in debate tournaments this year, bringing in a total of 24 individual and team awards. Overall, the team has won more than 55 percent of their debates.

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## WARD

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ported by Vice Mayor Gordon Shelton and council members Mary Frances George and Ralph A. Hicks Jr., the members who originally backed Marian Benish.

Jarrell retained her support from Mayor Lawrence Davies and council members Bill Greenup and Weldon Bailey.

Jenkins finished second to Gordon in the 1990 council election, and the council members supporting him Tuesday night said that he was their original choice to fill the position.

Yet problems surrounding Jenkins' application had previously arisen because he lives outside of the ward, and he filed a complaint against the council with the U.S. Justice Department. The council then reversed its decision and now simply requires that the appointee move to the ward before taking office, which Jenkins said he would do if chosen.

On Jan. 25, the day before the council vote, the Mary Washington College Legislative Action Committee sponsored a forum in Lee Ballroom for the nine applicants seeking to fill Gordon's spot on the council.

Six of the nine applicants were present at the forum, with only Janey Sweet, Thomas Rainey and Nathaniel Young not present. Mayor Lawrence Davies, Vice Mayor Gordon Shelton, and Councilman Bill Greenup represented City Council at the forum but did not speak.

L.A.C. chair Heather Jacobs said, "Although City Council has the final say, our purpose is to show the council how the residents of Ward Two feel about the candidates."

"All in all, I think it was a success. I would have liked to have seen more of a turnout, but we were fortunate to have the candidates come," said L.A.C. member Brian Hager, a sopho-

more.

An audience of about 40 students and local residents asked questions of the applicants ranging from college/community relations to suggestions for how to break the deadlock. All of the applicants expressed frustration towards the council's inability to come to a conclusion, and urged them to move rapidly.

"I would hope that (Tuesday) night we would have a resolution. As a citizen, as a taxpayer, Ward Two deserves to have somebody to represent them," said Benish.

Most of the candidates seemed anxious to improve relations with the college, and cited a lack of communication between the two entities as the cause of the breakdown last fall.

"Communication is the key factor to being a good neighbor, and that is needed between the city and the college," said applicant Harold Bannis-

ter, who obtained a B.A. in Computer Science from Norfolk State University in 1990, and hopes to bring a "youthful perspective" to the council.

Applicant David Grover, a city planner, feels that "students have a right to be involved and a right to be heard" in reference to student involvement in city government.

Jenkins suggested that, if appointed, he would hold monthly meetings with the student body to hear their concerns.

Four applicants originally came forth for the position, and the council came to a tie vote three times in December over two of the applicants, Ann Jarrell, who spent 15 years working in the Commonwealth Attorney's office, and Marian Benish, a 16-year resident of Fredericksburg who feels that those "who have just been quiet need to get out and do something."

After failing to meet a compromise, council extended the deadline for applicants until Jan. 15, but have yet to come to any conclusion.

The council successfully voted, five to one, to have City Attorney Pates research the best way to approach the current situation. Pates is scheduled to give a report of his findings to the council at the first meeting in February. The council hopes to persuade the Circuit Court to order a special election so the residents of Ward Two can decide on a candidate. According to Pates, a special election would be a lengthy process.

Jarrell conducted an informal election on her own of the registered voters in Ward Two, and presented her findings to the council Tuesday night. According to the private accounting firm she hired, there were 1,815 ballots sent out, and 39% of those were returned. Jarrell led the

other candidates by a wide margin with 438 votes, with Jenkins finishing second with 110 votes, and Benish had 70.

Councilmen Hicks and George argued that this balloting was biased towards Jarrell, since she included a list of her own qualifications with the ballots, but Mayor Davies feels that it was a fair assessment of the people's opinions.

"The people have spoken. This seems to be a valid representation of the ward," said Davies.

"This really should have been taken care of sooner. They have a number of candidates with different perspectives. We don't want someone who will favor the college, but we want someone who is independent and considers the college as an important voting block," said S.A. President Devon Williams.



## C.O.A.R. Community Outreach and Resources

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Record and distribute council meeting minutes. Plan, organize, and distributed COAR newsletter. Establish and disburse budget. Handle all reimbursements. Compile monthly budget reports.

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Serve as a liaison between COAR Council and the following programs: ADULT LITERACY and ENGLISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE. Assist and support program leaders in planning, organizing, training, budgeting, and development.

Serve as a liaison between COAR Council and the following programs: ELDERLY and MENTALLY/PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED. Assist and support program leaders in planning, organizing, training, budgeting, and development.

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Oversee daily operations of the COAR office. Insure the office is fully staffed. Manage the student referral system. Manage the computer resources using WordPerfect and Data Perfect. Record all newspaper articles relating to community service.

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE COAR OFFICE TO LEAD THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AND ARE DUE ON MARCH 6, 1992

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# Opinions

## Editorial

### The Minority Rules?

Democracy. That is what we are told we live in, a democracy. A place where the majority always wins. Where people get a say in the government that rules them.

But is this the case? Do we the people get to help select all the new laws that get passed in Congress? Only to the extent that we get to choose our Congresspeople who hopefully represent the area we live in.

On a closer sphere, one would have to question the democratic tradition here at Mary Washington College. We are not speaking about the fact that we, the students and faculty, do not get representation when choosing our leadership in the administration or the Board of Visitors. We are referring to the survey that was revealed this week in *Bullet*.

In this survey done by Ron Singleton, director of Public Information, he found that over 90 percent of residents felt that the college was an asset rather than a hindrance.

Ninety percent of our neighbors said regardless of their complaints most enjoyed talking to students and faculty and, more importantly, felt that the parking situation was not too bad.

If 90 percent were satisfied with the college in general that only leaves the ruling ten percent. We say ruling because it was for this ten percent the college administration changed the parking rules. It was for another small percent that Pete Lefferts made alcohol in dorm parties illegal.

Where is the rule of democracy here? If the majority always won, why does the dance department with a few majors lose?

The administration needs to learn a little more about how a democracy works, before they make any more decisions without consulting the majority.

A.H.

## Parking Is Still A Problem

All over the city of Fredericksburg, illegally parked cars are fined \$10 for every parking violation. This seems a fair punishment for such a minor crime. However, thanks to a new ordinance passed by City Council at a recent meeting, the fine in the area of Mary Washington College is now \$25.

This may satisfy the requests of College Heights residents, and put an end to their complaints about commuter parking, but it is discriminatory towards the Mary Washington College students. School policy dictates that all students register their cars, and the Honor Code holds most students to this policy. By having the required sticker on their cars, students are now restricted from parking in a certain area of the city. Essentially the students are being punished for parking near their connection to the city, their own school.

Apply the same situation to the Mary Washington Hospital, the only institution in the city that employs more people than the college. Imagine council passing an ordinance increasing

fines in the area surrounding the hospital. Employees could park only in their assigned parking areas, and not on city streets surrounding their place of employment. If they did so, they would be fined \$25 for it.

Would the council pass such an ordinance? No, because the hospital is viewed as an asset to the community, and hospital employees are not seen as a burden on society. Many students who live near the hospital have complained about employees parking in front of their houses, but the council would probably laugh at the thought of passing a similar ordinance to raise fines in that area.

The only solution is a uniform parking policy throughout the city. There is no parking space in this city that is better than any other, and no car that deserves a space over any other. It's time for City Council to wake up and treat all city residents equally, whether or not they attend Mary Washington College.

J.D.

## Reminiscing About Childhood Brings Modern Lessons To All People

Aurealia Nelson  
Columnist

Deep within the heart of the ghetto, mingled within the grape vines and tressels of suburban life, lay a jewel in the heart of my memory.

My grandmother's garden. It was only a plot of land that covered half of the small, pavement covered fenced-in back yard. It was a small space surrendered to mint and parsley, and pretty flowers. A carrot here and there, maybe an onion. Very rarely a potato. But what I remember best is caring for that little plot of ground-pulling the weeds, putting fertilizer down, planting the seeds for a new generation of future bognias and seeing my grandmother smile when a flower bloomed. Her smile was very much like the garden itself, fresh, full of life and kind, as nature usually is.

But I also remember the times when things weren't so good. When winter came early, the cold, creeping winter stalked and claimed its victims among my precious childhood garden. When winter came early and blighted most of the vegetables and when the early morning frost covered the flowers with a mossy transparency, and nearly killed those buds of such tender care I was sad.

And then, sometimes the weeds

would take over and strangle the pretty, fragrant flowers, entangle the mint and cut it off from its life-giving water. There were times when I struggled with myself in my youth, for the weeds, too, were beautiful. And to kill them was almost as cruel to me as to kill my tended harvest. But I knew, that if I did so, that I would upset the balance and nature would smile unkindly. So, I took the weeds, and put them elsewhere. And they grew in their own space and they, too, flowered, and became as beautiful as the flowers themselves.

For in time, I learned that each thing has a place on the earth-both bad and good. For one man's

a bough. Only dirt remains of my childhood treasure. Not even my beautiful weeds remained. Only cracked concrete, and sprigs of grass shifting through the fissures of time passing.

The garden, left untended and ignored, grows awry and even the flowers become weeds, struggling for a place in a too-small plot and everything dies, extinguished in less than a year.

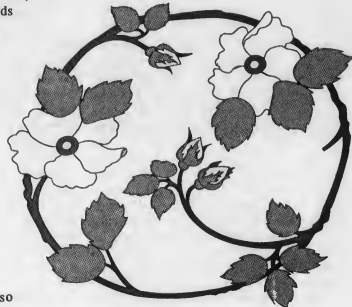
The pretty flowers, the mint with its fragrance filling the air on a warm spring day, the crisp parsley...all are gone.

Memory owes much to translation, and through time, I have come to accept the rewards of life and even its hardships.

You see, I've learned that people are very much like flowers. The challenges in life should not come as

weeds, but as possible flowers: the building blocks to which future happiness can be built. For life, like the garden, must be cultivated with care, and in time, it brings forth fruit-be it a blossom or a weed. For even weeds can be beautiful, when acknowledged and tended. As they are flowers in disguise after all.

Make peace within yourself, harvest harmony within your heart and build a better world. Miss Nelson is a weekly columnist for the *Bullet*.



bane be another's beauty-and man is sometimes not meant to mediate, but to let exist and take both, as they live, and accept them. For even weeds can bloom.

And, two years later, as I return to 1216 Rosewood Ave. to the old plot of land that was once loved-I see nothing. Not a flower, not a leaf, not

## Letters to the Editor

### Resident Pleased About New Parking Regulations

Last week's issue of the *Bullet* featured an article about the revised MWC parking regulations. The article presented opinions and quotes from students, administrators and local residents, including some remarks from us. Unfortunately, our feelings were not accurately reported, and we would like to take this opportunity to correct the mistakes and to further clarify our views.

In general, we are pleased with the results of the new parking plan. Prior to this semester, it was very difficult for us to have visitors to our home, to have service companies out to work on our house, or even to park our own vehicles, due to the congestion on the streets of our neighborhood. This situation has improved dramatically since the new MWC parking policy took effect, and the college has done a good job with its implementation.

We are also pleased that the new regulations were initiated by the college, rather than by the city. Nearly every other city in Virginia that houses a major college or university has enacted permit parking ordinances in order to prevent traffic and parking congestion of their streets. These cities include Charlottesville, Williamsburg, Blacksburg, Harrisonburg, Fairfax, Richmond, Norfolk, and Staunton. Mary Washington College has shown its concern for the community by taking responsibility for its own parking problems, rather than

waiting for the city to act on the matter. As long as this arrangement works well, it is certainly preferable to, and less restrictive than a city permit system.

The new MWC regulations do allow student parking on the college side of Sunken Road and Hanover St., and on both sides of College Ave. It is certainly reasonable to use the MWC side of these streets for College parking, provided this does not cause a traffic hazard. As more on-campus parking is built, however, we hope that MWC will discontinue use of the residential sides of all streets, except during special events.

We are both graduates of Mary Washington, and we are active members of the local chapter of the Alumni Association. We are proud of our college, we feel that MWC and its students are truly an asset to the community, and we are happy to have them as neighbors.

Jeffrey I. John, '78  
Kerry Devine John, '84

### Hispanic Student Questions Emphasis On Minorities

Many words in the English language are hard to define like love, time and death. One term, however, never struck me as being difficult to comprehend until I came to MWC. That word is color. Perhaps, it's my own good fortune in having been brought up in a relatively sensitive household, but I've always known that color is just not black or white. Don't we, after all, acknowledge the reds, yellows,

browns, and golds in the everyday spectrum? Bearing this in mind, why is it that when the simple preposition "of" is placed in front of the comprehensible term "color," it changes the interpretation of the phrase? "Of color." Does the "of" negate the rest of the spectrum? If this is true, I could understand the blatant exclusion of both Hispanics and Asians in last week's article, "Administrators Struggle To Attract More Students and Faculty of Color To MWC."

In the piece, the reporter, Mary Windhorst, wrote of the plight of the black students and faculty on campus. She not only relayed the many problems, but also the few rays of hope the African-Americans are offered by MWC. The riddle running throughout the article, however, was the use of the enigmatic term, "of color." She used the clause dozens of times, and yet failed to mention even once the pros and cons facing the Hispanic or Asian communities. It is true that, in the case of MWC, pro's for either of the latter minority groups would have been hard to find. We have not been blessed with programming comparable to Black Visions Day, Black Students Weekend or a month-long Black History celebration. This in spite of the staggering numbers of Hispanics, Asians, and other minorities available in the Northern Virginia area. The only parallel support would be the appeasement policies through which we work with the Multicultural Center-the same center which employs a staff of color except blacks and which supports no active recruitment policies for any other group except blacks.

Being a student of color and a member of the fastest growing minority group, I have found myself between the proverbial rock and a hard place. Not only am I not white, but I'm not black either. I'm one of the other colors of the rainbow we hear so little about on this campus, and which has been deleted from the MWC definition of "of color."

In recent months, I have noted the newly found sensitivity with which this college approaches diversity issues. Pertaining to recognition of the problem, the door certainly has been opened, and I acknowledge the interest of the student body in activities presented by both the Hispanic Student Association and the Asian Student Association. This does not, however, signify an end to the dilemma. Organizations such as Women of Color (of which I am a

member) need to broaden their horizons to include a diverse group of minorities, not just blacks. It certainly is not just the non-minority who misinterprets the "of color" terminology. I urge non-blacks to take part in Women of Color as well as other minority-affiliate clubs in order to witness first hand the true support and friendships all such organizations foster. Don't preclude yourself from the "of color" title just because you are not a part of one of the traditional ethnic minorities.

In closing, we should not stop at just acknowledging the problem with students of color at this institution. Everyone has an obligation to their college, and certainly their world community to

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## S.A. President Responds To Strong Allegations Of Inadequacy

By Devon Williams  
Student Association

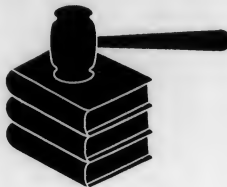
Some people on the Mary Washington College campus seem to be ignorant about both Student Association matters and issues that involve the entire college. As philosopher Joel Feinberg asserts: "When people are not forced by the stimulus of dissent to rethink the grounds of their convictions, then their beliefs tend to wither and decay." A recent column in the *Bulletin* which complained about the inaction of the SA president has helped me to reaffirm my own direction and beliefs, and to re-channel my energies into the positive outcomes of an organization which I am privileged to lead.

There are a number of points that I think are relevant in considering the column. First and foremost, the writer of the column, Len Ornstein, was soundly defeated in our race for SA president last year. Voters indicated their attitudes toward him at the polls, awarding him only 329 votes to 792 in an unprecedented turnout. It would seem that he has yet to get over his resounding loss, and he has continued to exhibit his bad feelings since, by the way of bitterness, avoidance and non-cooperation he directs towards not only myself but the organization as a whole. A suggestion for Mr. Ornstein: sugar grapes are a poor campaign platform.

Secondly, I shall note that, as chair of the Handbook Revision Committee, Mr. Ornstein serves on the Senate Board of Officers, a key group of leaders who make and implement policy on a myriad

of student issues. He clearly distances himself from this in his column, and I can't help but wonder if this is simply an indication of the ineffectiveness he knows he has demonstrated in this capacity. As president of this organization, all legislation and proposals ultimately come before me, and this year I have yet to see anything produced by Mr. Ornstein. While he gripes, his fellow officers have put in endless hours to make this an outstanding year for the Student Association.

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of all of its members, the Student Association has had a truly phenomenal first semester. The Legisla-



tive Action Committee and the Executive Cabinet made unprecedented strides in student voter registration, and ultimately won a legal battle for students to register in the city, a struggle which merited national attention, as it was featured in *The Washington Post*, *MTV's "The Week in Rock"*, and across the state on the AP wire. Furthermore, the student body at the college was finally recognized by the city as a formidable voting power, and are currently lobbying for a replacement who recognized the value of the college voting bloc. Senate has worked tirelessly on a 27-7 visitation proposal, and our Commu-

nity Action Program is very much in effect. Extensive research has been completed for a self-defense class for PE credit, and the 50/50 mentor and S.A. Tutor programs are again a resounding success. All of these achievements were completed in only one semester.

I am not backed into a corner by the administration. Mr. Ornstein has the problem of being incapable of maintaining an effective working relationship with people, and he mistakes cooperation and mutual respect for co-optation. His own reactionary techniques have, and will, serve only to further alienate him from his peers and the college senior staff members.

One final point: during last year's campaign, I pointed out that Mr. Ornstein offered voters inflammatory rhetoric, while I offered substance. This fact is more true than ever, as our respective track records clearly indicate. I only wish that he would transform some of his hostility into positive changes that would benefit the college as a whole. Unfortunately, unless Mr. Ornstein drastically alters his approach, I fear that he will continue his pattern of alienation and inaction.

Finally, I have a small reminder for this aspiring SA President: although it appears you have already attempted to use the *Bulletin* to launch your campaign, nominations are not until February 10th, and I suggest that you bide your time and observe the rules until then.

Devon Williams is a senior political science major and SA President.

## Professor Angry Over Treatment of Gays Rallis Stands Out As Officially Verifying His Homosexuality

By Dr. Donald Rallis  
Assistant Professor

I am gay, and I am angry. I am angry because I and millions of other gay men and lesbians have been repeatedly maligned and insulted in the ongoing debate over our admission to the armed services. We have been forced to endure the pontifications of the military brass, politicians, talk-show hosts and pious preachers who know nothing about us as individuals, but nonetheless claim to be in a position to warn the public about the dangers we pose to the security and moral fiber of the nation.

I am gay as are many of my friends. I know gay bankers, teachers, lawyers, writers, waiters, students and artists. And I know many gay veterans and current members of the armed services. I obviously cannot make generalizations about what I and all of my friends are like. I can, however, say what we are not. And I can explain why so many of us find the current debate over the military so offensive.

First, we are not sexual predators whose aim is to lure heterosexuals into our beds or our lifestyles. We do not proselytize, nor do we have a missionary agenda. We understand, probably better than most, that sexual orientation is innate and unchangeable. I could not become heterosexual any more than a heterosexual could become gay. I respect the sexuality of others, and I ask that they respect mine.

I am profoundly offended by the argument, advanced by supporters of the military ban, that, in the close confines of the barracks, the presence of people like me will pose a threat to straight servicepeople. It is grossly insulting to be told that, as gays, we will be unable to keep our lust in check in the showers or in the foxhole. If the military is concerned about sexual misconduct, then by all means outlaw it. Crack down hard on offenders whether they be lesbians in the barracks, or straight men who harass and molest their female colleagues. But punish individuals who commit offenses, not entire groups of people who might do something wrong. To ban gays because of a fear of sexual misconduct is like banning all young black males from the streets because some believe they may commit crimes.

Second, we are told that whether we like it or not we are abnormal, and our lifestyle is abhorrent to the majority of Americans. As such, our presence in the military would harm morale, and impair the country's ability to defend itself.

Obviously gay men and lesbians are a minority, but that does not make us "abnormal," any more than small numbers make African Americans or redheads abnormal. I accept that the whole notion of homosexuality makes some people uncomfortable, but I believe this is a fear born of ignorance and prejudice. Forty-five years ago, many whites opposed the racial integration of the armed services, arguing that the presence of blacks would make the white majority uncomfortable. But President Truman was adamant, and signed an executive order ending military racism. The services integrated, and as people got to know each other better, they found that their fears were unfounded. As straight people get to know more gay men and lesbians, they too will find that we are not the monsters they might have believed us to be.

Some argue that homosexuality is a form of behavior, not a physical characteristic. To engage in it is to sin, to

flout accepted moral codes, and to ignore Biblical teaching. I am told that many people who oppose homosexuality are morally upright people, motivated by the noblest of motives. But I'm afraid I just don't buy this argument. When I listen to Pat Buchanan argue that AIDS is God's revenge against gays, when I hear myself described by Jesse Helms as a pervert, and when I hear those whom I love described as sinners by Jerry Falwell, I don't hear the voices of love and compassion. I hear hatred, not love, and I cannot believe that such vitriolic sentiments would come from a just person or a loving God.

But perhaps the most insidious argument of all is that which tells us that it's acceptable to be gay, it's even okay for us to serve in the military, provided we stay in the

closet. This was the argument favored by the majority of Americans consulted in a recent poll, and it is tantamount to saying that we pose no problem provided noone knows we are there. If we make our identities public, we are told, we will bring discrimination and opprobrium on ourselves. We should therefore avoid antagonizing them. This is gross hypocrisy. It is the old argument of blaming the victim if I discriminate against you, it's your fault for

goading me into it. Rapists and sexual harassers frequently use this line of reasoning, arguing that "the woman made me do it" by wearing suggestive clothing. No, I am what I am, and I refuse to hide it.

There are many excuses for homophobia, but there is only one real cause. It is not morality, or family values, or the Bible, or the preservation of the American way. The cause is bigotry, pure and simple. It is the fear and hatred of people who are different. It is the sentiment that a few years ago prompted a group of thugs to attack me outside a gay bar, hurling a brick through the windshield of my car as I fled. It is the sentiment that provoked an anonymous correspondent to send me a letter last month, saying that "the sooner all faggots die of AIDS, the better." And it is the same prejudice that led two years ago to the murder of a gay friend of mine, stabbed by a crazed gay-basher who claimed that God had told him to "kill all faggots." Homophobia is no different from the hatred that drives the cross-burner, the lynch mob, the anti-Semite, and the neo-Nazi.

I am now and I will always be gay. My sexual orientation is part of me, and I am quite comfortable with it. And when I say that I am gay, I am not referring simply to what I do in the bedroom. Gayness is a part of my character and my identity, not merely a description of my sex life. I do not apologize for what I am, and I refuse to hide it in deference to the sensitivity of others. My gayness is non-negotiable; if others can't deal with it, I think that's their problem, not mine.

I am gay and I am angry at the prejudice and bigotry I encounter every day. I am angry that I am denied my human and civil rights in a country which claims to be just, fair and democratic. But I am also hopeful, and grateful that our society is changing. For the first time in the nation's history, lesbians and gay men have a committed supporter of our rights in the White House. We have openly gay members of Congress, state representatives and judges. Discrimination against us has been outlawed in several states, many cities, and even on the campus of Mary Washington College. We still face enormous prejudice and bigotry, but I have no doubt that in the long run, we will prevail.

Dr. Rallis is an assistant professor of geography at Mary Washington College.

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try to understand their fellow citizens. Do not limit thinking to black and white. Allow those of us in between a face, a place, and a color in this community too.

Melissa Agudelo, '95

### Use Of Comprehensive Fee Is Criticized By Student

While reading a recent *Bulletin* article concerning BYOB 100th Night, I was surprised to learn that part of the comprehensive fee I have been paying to the college for the last three years has been used to purchase beer at student functions such as 100th Night. I had thought that the fee was used solely to support educational activities such as concerts, field trips or guest speakers. I never occurred to me that it was being used to buy beer. As a commuting student, what happens in the dorms or on campus is of little concern to me, however, how the ever-increasing amount of money that I pay to take classes is used, is of concern to me. That is why I am writing, not because I wish to impose my beliefs on others.

For personal and religious reasons, I am a "teetotaler." I have had a grandfather, uncle, and close friends who became alcoholics. I saw first hand the ruinous effects their addiction had on themselves and those around them. Because of this I have strong feelings against providing any support to the alcoholic beverage industry; which I had unknowingly been forced to do through the comprehensive fee.

Now, I understand, that the majority of students probably do not share my beliefs. Students who are of age have every right to purchase and consume beverages of their choice. But why should I have to subsidize activity that I feel is morally wrong? Also, with current budgets being as tight as they are, there are much more urgent uses for the comprehensive fee than buying beer, such as trying to save programs and majors which are in danger of being cut.

I guess I have just taken a long-winded way of saying that I strongly support the college's current ban on using the comprehensive fee to buy beer. I just wish it had been done three years ago, when I started paying the fee. If students want to drink, let them buy their own. Don't make me pay for it!

Mark Cole  
BLS Student

### Administration Angers Student Over Housing

As a resident assistant, it has always been my understanding that the college administration existed primarily to create an environment conducive to academics. An incident that occurred last semester has led me to question this assumption.

Kathy Cottle was a sophomore with a 3.7 GPA that she worked hard to maintain. As President of the Poetry Fiction Reader Series she had organized a number of notable literary events and demonstrated great potential to further benefit the College community. She had chosen Mary Washington partly because it promised to award her financial aid that would be necessary for her to attend college, but each year there was not enough money to go around. Kathy's parents scraped by so her grades wouldn't suffer from taking on a part-time job.

Finally, last semester, Kathy was told again that no aid was available. Unable to afford living on campus, Kathy submitted the intent to Vacate form which lists marriage and withdrawal from the College as viable reasons for release from the housing contract, as well as an option labeled "other."

After a very stressful month in which Kathy and her parents sought to appeal Dean Beck's refusal to allow her release from the housing contract, much of which was outlined in a *Bulletin* article, the administration still refused to accept financial constraints as a legitimate excuse. Kathy ended up transferring

out of MWC not only to get out of the housing contract, but also out of frustration and the feeling that the administration had little respect for her needs or concerns. Not only did we lose an excellent student but incidents like this reflect poorly on the College.

I am not alone in the suspicion that perhaps, in these times of budgetary crisis, the real goals of this institution for higher learning have been usurped by the desire to turn a profit.

Heidi Zirkle, '94

### Keg Laws Put A Damper On On-Campus Parties

With the changing alcohol policies in Virginia today, an increasing number of students are finding it necessary to party off-campus. In the past, the majority of students who lived on or near campus were able to walk home from on-campus parties. Today, however, MWC's banning of almost all alcohol-related activities on campus as well as Va's very strict keg laws are forcing students to find new places to party.

As pointed out in last week's *Bulletin*, the new trend is for students to party at off-campus bars. As students venture further from campus, a number of problems present themselves: the likelihood of DWIs increase, and those who choose to walk these great distances risk muggings, sexual assault, etc. While some may suggest students party for a cab, cabs are not so expensive for most students.

The solution is simple: Bussing. Most other schools already have it, why shouldn't MWC? When the benefits of the safety, health, and welfare of such a service are weighed against the cost of using one of MWC's vans, and paying a driver to operate it for a few hours a night, not to take this step seems foolish. How about it MWC? Isn't it time to really take steps toward increased student, health, safety, and welfare?

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# Features

## Landscape A Source Of Pride and Safety

### MWC Landscaping Superintendent Creates Designs Admired By Other Colleges

By Kim Blair  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College does not rent its flowers. On the eve of Family Weekend and the Board of Visitor's inspection, the grounds workers are not frantically scurrying about placing plants from rhododendron rent-a-centers. The impatiens in front of Ann Carter Lee Hall are not patiently awaiting their return to Rental Depot.

Joni Wood, landscaping superintendent at MWC, said that the rental of plant material by the college is a rumor that needs to be stopped. Wood, along with the grounds-people of MWC, work hard to keep the 275-acre campus looking healthy and attractive.

According to Wood, the college's landscape must be geared to the spring, fall and winter months. "The students are not here in the summer. That is the prime season for color, so we have to opt with annuals to add color in the months that the students are here," Wood said.

The landscape of Mary Washington College is designed with the students in mind. The aesthetics, practicality and safety features are essential to the landscape design of the college.

"We try to make an environment you can interface with," said Wood, who has been working at MWC for the past six years. "We want the campus to offer everything you can get from your own backyard."

Wood said that each planting she designs has a theme. A tiny native



Left: On Mary Washington College's Campus Walk, the fountain, a feature which is admired by other colleges, can be found. Monroe Hall is seen in the background. Bottom: A physical plant employee works to maintain the beauty of the campus.



Photo Derek Boucher

dogwood garden is beyond the weeping willow tree outside of the Campus Center. Kousa, red twigged and the traditional Virginia dogwood are native to the area. Wood said that she likes to keep native plants in her designs. "It's more natural," she said.

Along with theme planting, Wood also integrates practicality into her designs. The low-growing junipers that flank the mailroom steps discourage pedestrians from trampling on the grass. The new dorms are designed with safety in mind. Low-growing shrubs and junipers are used instead of faster-

growing yet thicker shrubs. Therefore, no potential assailant can disguise himself in the greenery. The design of the campus landscape has thought behind it, incorporating aesthetics with safety.

"I like to keep things tailored yet natural," said Wood as she wiped crumbs from the Eagle's Nest table and straightened the salt and pepper shakers. Anyone

who walks down Campus Walk can tell that Wood and the groundspeople are doing their job and doing it meticulously. Conrad Warlick, vice president for

administrative services, spent the first 15 years of his 19-year employment at MWC in the admissions office. Warlick said that in his experience he found that the beauty of the campus was one of the top attraction for prospective students. "The campus is an aspect of the quality of life here," said Warlick.

"When I visited Mary Washington for the first time, the campus made me feel like the school was some old Ivy League institution," said Eric Mink, a senior at MWC. In fact, the majority of publications that the college prints for the recruitment of students mention the beauty

of the campus. Along with aesthetic beauty of the campus, Warlick is also impressed with variety of plant material the campus has to offer. Each fall, biology students can be seen around the campus with a plethora of leaves in their pockets. These leaves don't come from downtown or from special botanical gardens. Each specimen can be found on the MWC campus.

Warlick said he believes that Campus Walk helps to maintain a continuity on campus. Deeming the brick walkway "a pedestrian thoroughfare," Warlick said, "You don't see cars on campus, and that produces a closer environment," he said.

MWC has gained a reputation for the upkeep of its grounds. In fact,

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## Graduates Search For Jobs, Master's Degrees

By Joelle Mickelson  
Bulletin Staff Writer

With an economy that is slowly righting itself after a topping recession, the job hunt may not be as easy for this year's seniors as their predecessors.

Although according to Assistant Dean for Career Services Renee Everingham, Mary Washington

College graduates have been able to find employment relatively easily. In a survey sent to the class of 1991 six months after graduation, wherein there was a 52 percent response rate, 79 percent were employed. Of that figure, 67 percent were employed full-time, 12 percent were employed part-time, 14 percent were in graduate school, and 9 percent were still seeking employment.

"The key is for students to have a focus as to what they want to do," said Everingham. "Job hunting is tough...[and] it makes it even tougher if students don't know what they want." An "I'll take anything" kind of attitude is not focused enough to begin a job search. Research, networking and tenacity will also aid students, according to Everingham.

Senior Amy Derrickson, a biology major, has already found that networking is important. "This summer I'll probably try to get a job at Mary Washington Hospital. I have been trying to get a job at the hospital for a while, but it's very limited unless you know someone," said Derrickson.

According to a Jan. 11 College Press Service release, "Despite an improving economy, college graduates face a mixed job market this spring. More job opportunities may be possible, but expectations for salaries are lower."

Kimberly Price, a graduating business administration major, also expressed apprehension. "I'm afraid that I'm not going to find a job after I graduate. I'm a business administration major and there's not that much demand for business executives," she said.

Price may be well-founded in her fears about the future of her career with the demand for students with master's degrees in accounting falling nearly 66 percent, according to the 1993 Northwest University Lindquist-Endicott Report.

Pessimistic economic reports do not discourage graduating political science major Mark Newman. "I don't think the economy is as bad off as people think it is," said Newman. "It depends on if geography gets in the way."

According to the College Press Service, Michigan State's 22nd

annual national survey found that "job availability, while competitive nationwide, is better in the Southeast and North Central, and more competitive in the Southwest, South Central, Northeast and Northwest."

A faltering economy may be putting up hurdles for this year's graduating seniors, but 1990 alumna Georgia Heneghan has found her niche as a staff reporter for the *Free Lance-Star*. "I was already in an internship I had started the summer before my senior year and continued for the paper part-time in hopes of getting a full-time job there in the spring when I graduated," said

Heneghan. Now pursuing her master's degree, Heneghan said, "I'd always planned on getting my master's, but did not want to go directly into graduate school after college. I wanted to take some time out and work."

Waiting a while before entering into graduate school is a common plan among graduating seniors. Shannon Beasley, a religion and psychology major, said, "I'm going to take a year off and then go to graduate school. I just want to make sure graduate school is what I want to do. I'm kind of burned out on the school thing."

For psychology major Amy Bridges graduate school is a must for her career plans. "I'm going to grad school because it's pretty much a requirement in my field. I plan to attend Smith College's 'Bridges' in the Social Work program," Bridges said. "If I go to grad school, I will make more money, but it's not the only factor. Ultimately I want to do psychotherapy."

Whether graduating seniors are heading for the job market or back to the classroom, a liberal arts education has prepared them with the types of skills required for success according to Everingham. "A liberal arts background shows that students are well-rounded, critical thinkers and able to work in groups," said Everingham.

Heneghan agreed with Everingham, citing Mary Washington College's emphasis on writing skills. "Most employers are looking for someone who can write and communicate well," she said.

Everingham said, "The days when people chose careers and stayed with them for 30 or 40 years for the most part are gone. Students think this is it and if I make a mistake I'm going to be in big trouble," she said.

"There's a lot of opportunities open for students and it's a matter of how students take advantage of it," said Everingham.



Shannon Beasley

## Paradise Lost: CD Jungle Closes Shop Forever

By Heather Blake  
Special to the Bulletin

A coupon for the CD Jungle, found in the MWC Student Directory, expires August 31, but since last Sunday, it no longer has validity.

CD Jungle at 604 Caroline St. has closed its doors forever, leaving a vacuum in the college music scene. "Where am I going to shop for my favorite CD now?" asked sophomore Caroline Dearborn.

Students will now have to turn to chain stores such as Musicland and Sam Goody at Spotsylvania Mall in order to meet their music needs.

CD Jungle's Chris Dowling, a former MWC student, who owns the alternative music store, decided recently that the business was not lucrative enough. Michael Joyce, chairman of the department of arts and dance and business advisor in Dowling's CD Jungle venture, said that Dowling only made about \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year as salary. Dowling and Joyce both agreed that the store only made about \$3 per CD.

Dowling, 26, opened up the CD Jungle in November 1991. He believed he had found an audience that the big chains, like Musicland, did not cater to. He said Frederickshurg needed an alternative music store.

Scott Allen, treasurer of SAE, agreed. Allen defined alternative music as good music that is not played on commercial radio and cited such bands as Ned's Atomic Dustbin, the Sundays and Wolfgang Press as the types that often fall under the label of alternative. Dowling, however, does not characterize himself as

an alternative fan.

"I can only think of about three artists I listen to who can be called alternative," he said.

Getty Geary, an employee at CD Jungle, said that he, Joyce and Dowling chose the music that the store supplied together. "We each knew our own area of music. Michael knew R & B, soul, and American classic rock. Chris knew acoustic and folk and I knew alternative, techno and rock-a-billy. In the end we all knew a little about everything."

Dowling said he also got a lot of advice from the students at MWC. Joyce said he likes all kinds of music now, including alternative. He enjoys cutting edge artists such as Brenda Khan and Bob Mould. He and Dowling collaborated in running the store. "I helped his business grow and he helped my CD collection grow," said Joyce, who worked every other weekend and once a week behind the counter. Joyce applied the business experience he got when he owned a liquor store in Maryland to Dowling's business.

"There are parallels between the two. Both are low profit, high volume enterprises. The key is volume and marketing," he said. Joyce added that Dowling had a good year last year. "He is virtually debt free and has money in the bank so he can travel," he said.

Both believe that they really couldn't do anything different if they had to do it all over again. Joyce said the business needed to be bigger. CD Jungle had about 3,500 to 4,000 titles but cost prohibited expansion. Dowling needed to grow in size to make a better salary, but he would



"[Chris Dowling, owner of CD Jungle] was doing all the right things. He had selection, personal service and got to know the customers. I helped his business grow and he helped my CD collection grow."

- Michael Joyce,  
Business Advisor for  
CD Jungle

have had to invest about \$50,000 to grow to the needed size, according to his business advisor.

"He was doing all the right things," said Joyce. "He had selection, personal service and got to know the customers."

MWC sophomore Jon Pack agreed that Dowling was running his little niche of the music market well. "The chain stores offer the obvious while stores like CD Jungle have more interesting variety at more reliable price range," Pack said. "Everyone was better off at a CD Jungle, from the musically elite to the musically confused."

Dowling said that for the amount he put into it, he got a lot in return. He also added that the community really supported him. However, now that the venture is over, Dowling believes he is finished with the music business. He said that by May he wants to travel West and visit such places as California, Nova Scotia and Alaska. The CD Jungle owner may have a plan for the future, but MWC students are wondering where to buy alternative music now. Dowling sug-

gests customers look at Northern Virginia or Richmond. Eric Axelsson, co-chairperson of SAE, suggested Kemp Mill Records and the Wiz as good places to buy inexpensive CDs.

The nearest Kemp Mill records is at Potomac Mills mall off I-95 North. According to Antonio Rodriguez, an employee at Kemp Mill, the store has at least 2000 titles, with a bit of everything, but unlike CD Jungle it does not sell imports. According to Rodriguez, CDs never exceed \$12.99 unless they are special sets. Tapes run from about \$7 to \$12. The nearest Wiz is in Springfield and carries a wide selection of music.

For the alternative crowd Axelsson also suggested Tower Records in Washington, D.C. and in Tyson's Corner — both about a 45 minute drive from Mary Washington College.

Tony Morton, a Tower Record employee, said they will order imports upon request. He described their selection as "massive" with departments in areas such as Rock, Jazz,

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*At CD Jungle, Dowling believed he had found an audience that the big chains, like Musicland, did not cater to.*

# Sports

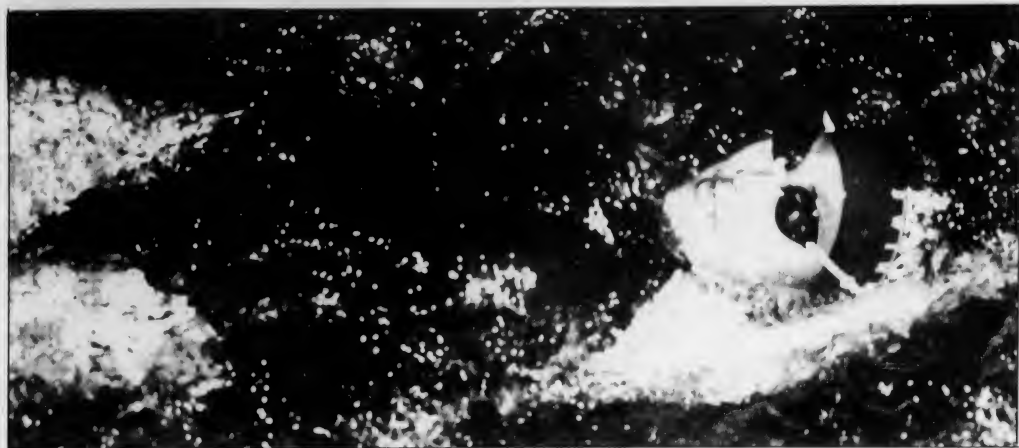


Photo Art Speyer

Here Marina Dejo, of the 8-2 women's swim team, practices her backstroke at a recent swim practice. Dejo and the other Eagle swimmers are preparing to compete for their third straight CAC title later this month. Earlier this month the women's team defeated Johns Hopkins University, who finished in the top fifteen in the nation for Division III schools last year.

The men's swim team will also try and for a third straight CAC Championship.

## Perfect Blend Of New And Old Leads Women's Swimming

By Bryan Tucker  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Compiling an 8-2 overall record, the women's swimming team have used the talents of 16 underclassmen, a senior, a junior transfer and an experienced coach in vying to capture their third straight Capital Athletic Conference title and to place a high number of swimmers at Nationals in March.

"I feel we're doing very well," said junior Sarah Hertz, who is one of the three captains for this year's team along with junior Alison Cerul and senior Ali Murdock. "This is the best season

since I've been here."

In one of the best incoming classes talent-wise since 1990, the freshmen class has made a big impact on this year's team. Eliza Barcus (freestyle), Liz Darcy (freestyle), Sarah King (backstroke), Nancy McClain (individual medley, butterfly) and Merilee Robinson (freestyle, backstroke) compose MWC's rendition of the "Fab Five."

"This is one of the strongest freshman classes we've had, it is of good size and quality," said Paul Richards, head coach.

Other contributors on this year's team are sophomore Amanda Dresser

(butterfly, individual medley), junior Amanda Clair (freestyle, breaststroke) and Hertz (freestyle, butterfly), who have been All-Americans at one time or another in their swimming careers here at MWC. Juniors Megan Carter (freestyle), Heidi Heise (backstroke, freestyle), and Cerul (individual medley, butterfly) will all try to defend their CAC crowns in their respective events. Sophomores Kim Britt (breaststroke), Marina Dejo (breaststroke), Karen Edmison (freestyle), Larissa Nojek (freestyle, butterfly) and juniors Carrie Lewis (freestyle), and Jill Trussell (butterfly, individual medley) have also

positively added to this year's team.

So far the most impressive newcomer on this year's women's swimming team has been junior transfer Shannon Hutcherson from Clemson. Hutcherson has broken six individual school records and one medley relay record, going undefeated in all of the events she has competed in. She set new school marks in the 200 Individual Medley (2:11.92), 200 backstroke (2:08.53), 100 backstroke (1:00.17), 400 Individual Medley (4:34.34), 500 freestyle (5:10.83), 1000 freestyle (10:37.86) and 400 medley relay with Clair, Dresser, and Hertz (4:09.24). Hutcherson's goal is to place in the top

three in Nationals in all three of her events. She was named CAC's female athlete of the month for November.

"She's a very talented swimmer and through her talent and efforts she has brought other swimmers up a level, especially for the medley relay," said Richards.

Richards is again at the helm of the women's swimming team. He has been the CAC Coach of the Year the past two seasons and has coached women's swimming for the last eight years at MWC. Before MWC, he coached at Hartwick College in New York for three years. He has led the men's and women's teams to

conference championships the past two years. Richards is also an assistant professor of health and physical education and is director of aquatics.

"Our goal is to win the CAC Championships," said Richards. "If we swim the way we're capable of swimming there should be no question on winning it, because we already swam against these teams in dual meets and did not have much trouble (with them)."

The women's team placed two swimmers at Nationals last year, Dresser and Clair, and hopes to add a

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## Women's Basketball Drops Last Two Games

By George Chase  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College's women's basketball team certainly knows how to string their fans along and then break their hearts. They fought their way throughout the game against a much larger Frostburg State team, only to fall apart in the final few minutes, losing

60-50. The Eagles knew what they would be up against last Thursday, as there are six players over the six-foot mark on the Frostburg roster, a team that had won six in a row coming into the contest with MWC.

"We knew we would be outrebounded," admitted senior guard Angie Parker.

MWC's lack of height prevented them from getting many rebounds, but their scrappy play and intense defense kept them in the game.

Things looked bleak for MWC (8-6) in the first few minutes as the visitors used a full-court press and built a 17-4 lead. The size match-up was a problem as Cindy Robinson, a FSU six-footer, scored six of her 15 points in the first five minutes.

"We thought we could pack it inside, but that didn't work, so we had to go to the man-to-man press," said Parker.

The Eagles altered their game plan and picked up their defense to get back in the game.

Led by the scoring of sophomore guard Corinne May's 14 points and senior forward Chris Paige's 11, MWC cut the deficit to eight at halftime, capped by an eight to zero run to close out the half.

The momentum carried over into the second half as it seemed like the Eagles

had six players on the court, creating steals and always getting the loose ball. Freshman guard Stefanie Teter, who chipped in seven points, was a big part of the comeback, constantly harassing the FSU guards and either starting or finishing the fast break.

MWC held FSU to only eight points in the first nine minutes of the second half, and then tied the game 44-44 with six minutes left. Junior guard Jennifer



Photo Art Speyer

Corinne May works the ball up the court.

May came off the bench and scored five points in a three minute span.

The momentum then shifted and things fell apart for the Eagles, as FSU went on a 0

scoring run, which MWC

never recovered from. FSU scored ten of their final 16 points from the free throw line.

This past Saturday the Eagles went up to Pennsylvania and faced CAC foe York College.

Despite 17 points from junior Chris Gleisner and 15 points from sophomore Corinne May, MWC came up short by 18 points, 84-66.

Sophomore Jeanette Alexander led the team in rebounds with 15, 11 coming on the defensive side.

York senior Judy James led the home team with 27 points.

This Tuesday the Eagles will continue their two game road trip with a CAC game at Catholic University, before returning home Thursday to face their third straight CAC opponent, St. Mary's.

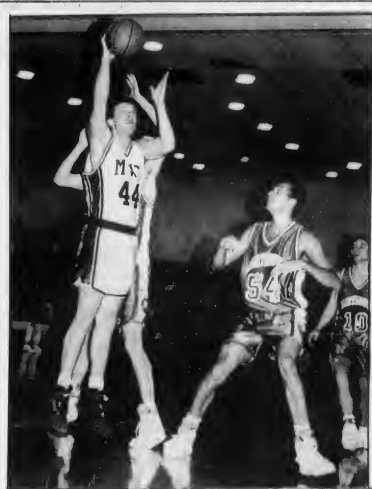


Photo Art Speyer

The late Pablo Coto defends Steve Posey in a game earlier this season.

## Marymount B-Ball Player Dies During CAC Game

By Stacey Freed  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Senior Pablo Coto, one of three captains of Marymount University's basketball team, died January 25 after collapsing in the first half of a home basketball game against Goucher.

"We were all shocked when we heard, but it took a few days to set in," said Mary Washington senior guard Richie Tregger. "We've been looking at each other and thinking, 'It could have been you.'"

Six days before, the 6-foot-5-inch dean's list business student went up against Mary Washington, leading the Saints in rebounds.

Mary Washington coach Thomas Davies sympathizes with Coto's parents who arrived January 26 from

Oviedo, Spain.

"My first reaction was that it's probably the biggest tragedy any parent could face to lose a child," said Davies.

According to Coto's coaches, there was no indication that he had a heart ailment, which Arlington Hospital officials have said was the most likely cause of death.

Davies says Coto was a hard worker and a dedicated player.

"In last year's CAC championship game (in which he helped the Saints upset Catholic University) he got 9 field goals and 11 foul shots," Davies said. "Here he epitomized what Division III was all about."

The Eagles will face Marymount again on Feb. 6 at Marymount.

## College Offers P.E. For Physically Challenged

By Bob Sihler  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Imagine this: you walk into Mary Washington College's Goolrick Hall and see a student playing basketball from a wheelchair and getting a physical education credit for it.

Welcome to PHYD 145: Adaptive Individual Exercise, a course which allows physically disabled students to participate in and get credit for.

The class, which is in its third year of existence, is taught by Coach Deborah Conway, who also coaches the women's volleyball and softball teams.

"Any student whose situation prevents them from participating in a regular physical education course is eligible," said Conway.

For administrative purposes, a student who desires to take the course must submit an evaluation form from a physician. This measure prevents students looking for a perceived less strenuous path towards credits. Similar

problems occur in the swimming course for non-swimmers. In such classes, instructors need to devote their time to those who really need the special attention.

People might be surprised to find out that PHYD 145 covers the same activities that make up the department's other courses. As opposed to other courses, PHYD 145 places heavy emphasis on the individual students and focuses on particular abilities.

"We look at each individual's situation and try to see what we can do," said Conway.

Each semester, according to Conway, there are about three students in the class. Conway maintains that teaching PHYD 145 is no harder than her other classes, and she gets a great amount of personal satisfaction from the course.

"I get the chance to give students the opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have," she said.

### MWC Sports Briefs

#### Men's Basketball Loses Three

Last week turned out to be one the men's basketball team would like to forget. After winning two straight games for the first time all season two weeks ago, the Eagles proceeded to lose their next three.

On Tuesday, the Eagles hosted N.C. Wesleyan and lost a tough game 74-71. Juniors Elgin Holston and David Wingham led MWC in scoring with 15 points apiece. Fellow junior Scott Pate came in with 13 points as did senior Richie Tregger. Junior Matt Seward chipped in with 11. For the game, the Eagles starters scored 67 of the team's 71 points.

Last Thursday, MWC took the Frostburg State Bobcats in a tough game. It took two overtimes to decide, but when the horn sounded at the end of the second overtime, the Bobcats were ahead 93-91, outscoring MWC in the second overtime seven to five. Once again Holston led the Eagles in scoring with 25 points. Pate was next in line with 18. Junior Steve Posey scored 12 and led the team in rebounds with seven. Tregger had 12 assists.

On Saturday, the Eagles went north to York College for a CAC game. Posey led the Eagle offense with 19 points, Holston chipped in for another 14. Tregger added 12 and junior Matt Seward led the team in rebounds with six, five of them coming on the offensive boards.

Tonight the Eagles will play another CAC game at Catholic University before returning home on Thursday for a game against St. Mary's.



A physical plant employee spreads mulch. Photo Derek Butcher

## LANDSCAPE

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administrators from other colleges look at the MWC features of the campus with an envious eye.

Richard Hurley, vice president for business and legislative affairs at Longwood College in Farmville, is trying to model the Longwood campus after that of MWC's. Hurley said that he came to Virginia in 1985 and has been impressed with the physical growth of MWC ever since.

"We had to do landscape improvements because our campus looked like a desert compared to [MWC's]," said Hurley, who is presently implementing a plan for Longwood's construction of a campus walk and a

fountain much like those on the MWC campus.

"Everything turned out so well at Mary Washington, so we thought we'd do the same," said Hurley.

But beauty is not easy to maintain. With a budget of \$395,111 annually, the MWC groundspeople have their work cut out for them. Eighteen physical plant workers upkeep the grounds for a starting salary of \$4.97 per hour.

Richard Blair, grounds supervisor, said that upkeep of the campus grounds is a never-ending chore. Besides keeping the grounds aesthetically pleasing, efforts must be made to keep the grounds safe.

Major renovations have been done

in the area surrounding the lower parking lot off Sunken Road. Wood and her team reacted to several complaints by the students concerning the overgrown plant life and thinned out the area.

Wood left the "native plants," such as rhododendron, mountain laurel and sassafras. "You can see through them, but the area still looks natural," said Wood.

Along with the lower library lot, the walkway along Mercer Hall has been made safer through thinning and pruning the plant material. Again, students sent complaints through the student senate and Residence Life, because students cannot claim directly to the physical plant.

Wood spoke of these projects with sudden enthusiasm. "We are still trying to stimulate the idea of more lighting," said Wood, who is proud of the safety work on these areas, while maintaining the native theme.

Wood has many co-workers who must care for the plants. According to Blair, the plant material requires more care than the average person could imagine. But most of the upkeep is a consequence of abuse.

Blair claims that traffic is the main murderer of MWC landscape. The man-made paths which run through the grassy areas are not part of Wood's design. Blair said that the bulk of his work concentrates on the reseeding and resodding of the dusty trails that students blaze through the otherwise

green grass. Prevention has become a main concern of the groundspeople.

The Privet hedge that runs along College Ave. has been victim to short-cuts and periodic bouts of "bush-diving" competitions. Wood said that the hedge suffers from two horticultural horrors: "Weejen wilt and boot blight."

To prevent the destruction of the hedges, Wood strung wire through the center of the hedge to create a fence. "[The students] cut the wire," Wood said with a look of amazement.

Blair said that a few years ago, the hollies between Monroe and Willard were the victims of fountain stickball and Monroe golf. Blair said he replaced 17 to 20 of the hollies which amounted to about \$200 worth of stickball casualties.

Wood said her pet peeve is the destruction of George Washington circle. Meant to break up the monotony of asphalt, the circle in the drive provides color and greenery to passing drivers. According to Wood, the plants have seen tire treads more than once.

Both she and Blair postulate that alcohol is involved in many of the bush beatings. Wood said that she has found established plants uprooted. Blair said he has encountered students' trails through the azaleas. But both of them agree that the student abuse factor has decreased in the past few years.



A physical plant worker rakes around two bushes. Photo Derek Butcher

## JUNGLE

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Classical and Soul. Morton said that single CDs range in price from about \$4 to \$6 and that regular CDs sell for about \$15, but they sponsor a different sale every week.

The nearest CD stores in the Fredericksburg area are at Spotsylvania Mall. Musiland and Sam Goody cater to mainstream tastes and do not sell imports. Senior Mark Bushman, an employee at Musiland,

commented that he bought the out-of-print and imported CDs he wanted at CD Jungle.

However, Bushman said of Musiland and its selection, "If you name it, we can get it." They will not, however, order bootlegs and cannot get out of print CD's.

Professor Joyce had no suggestions for alternate stores to buy CDs like those which were stocked by CD Jungle.

"I'm stumped," Joyce said. "I'm looking."

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## SWIM

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lot more than that this year. MWC once sent seven swimmers to Nationals. Richards feels that many can realistically go this year, if not more.

MWC women's swimming team opened the season with three straight victories over Goucher, 120-75, Catholic, 153-51 and Frosburg State, (133-94), before falling to Richmond, (128-91). Since the Nov 23 defeat, the women's team has reeled off five straight victories against St. Mary's

(116-66), University of the South (57-31), Franklin and Marshall (129-75), Johns Hopkins University (105-76) and Marymount (115-79). CAC Championships take place on Feb 19-21 and Nationals occur on March 11-13 in Atlanta, Georgia.

This past Saturday the Eagles lost to Gettysburg College by only one point, 102-103; MWC was ahead going into the last relay race. Last season MWC lost 132-73 to the same team.

"All this (the season) is anti-climatic because all of our biggest goals and challenges are ahead of us, much further ahead of us at the CAC championships and Nationals," said Richards. The team goals set before this season were to acquire a third straight CAC title and a top ten finish in Nationals.

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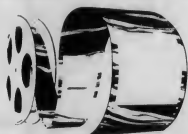
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# Entertainment



## Movies

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7:30/10:00  
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Friday, Feb. 5,  
Saturday, 6: 7:30/  
10:00  
Sarafina



## Shows

Thursday, Feb. 4 Dance Concert: "My Name is African-American," Virginia State University Dance Troupe; Dodd Auditorium; 7 p.m.; free

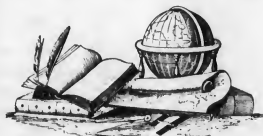
Sunday, Feb. 7 Concert: Gospel Extravaganza, featuring MWC Voices of Praise, Johns Hopkins University; Dodd Auditorium; 3 p.m.; free

## Exhibits

Belmont Gallery  
224 Washington St.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, 1-4 p.m. Sunday.  
899-4860. MWC ID free.  
Through March: "A Retrospective Survey of Works by Gari Melchers."

James Monroe Museum  
908 Charles St. 899-4559  
Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.  
\$3 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, MWC ID free.  
Through April 15: "Time Pieces: Monroe's Fascination with Clocks and Watches."  
Through May 2: "Images of a President: Portraits of James Monroe."

duPont Galleries  
Senior Exhibitions by Nancy Huffine and Anthony Combs Feb. 7-14, M-F 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m., free



## Lectures

Monday, Feb. 8  
"Politics and Culture in Latin America: the Writers, the Politicians, the Revolutionaries," by Dr. David Legmanovich, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence;  
Woodard Campus Center, Red Room; 7:30 p.m.; free

Tuesday, Feb. 9  
"The Global Warming Debate: Do We Know Enough for Policy Action?" by Dr. Stephen H. Schneider, Distinguished Visitor in Residence and noted climatologist; Dodd Auditorium; 8 p.m.; free

If you would like to announce any entertainment oriented events, contact Lori Beloune at X4393



Pete Chirico and other students enjoy college night.

Left  
A student practices on one of the many dart boards at The Brass Rail. The only thing missing, students say, is a pool table. The club also features a 650 foot dance floor.

Photos Adam Owings

## Dancing, Drinking And Darts At The Brass Rail Fredericksburg's Newest Club Attracts College Students

By Adam Owings  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Although more than 3,000 college students live in Fredericksburg, it is not a "college town." Various establishments in the Fredericksburg area are, however, gradually providing students with places to socialize.

The Brass Rail is Fredericksburg's latest addition to the list of off-campus options available to students. Located in the Chatham Shopping Center on Butler Road, The Brass Rail is approximately ten minutes from campus by car.

"I was really looking for a good place to go dancing that could hold a lot of people. Now, if they would only play a little more Techno and House, I'd be in heaven. But all in all it's better than Danny's or Mother's," said sophomore Aaron Straight.

The owners, John Karousos, Gregory Pehlivanidis and Darrell Baguessa, are striving to make The Brass Rail a place for both college students and the community.

"Sometimes you need a place to go and just hang out and not be bothered by anybody. College students are welcome to do that here," said Baguessa.

While the owners encourage college students to come in any day or night of the week, Wednesday and Saturday nights are reserved especially for college students. Wednesdays are for everyone 18 and over and Saturdays are for everyone 21 and over. On each of these nights the cover is \$1 for women and \$2 for men. Pitchers are \$5. "College night brings a good combination of people

who want to dance and people who want to sit at the bar talking and drinking," said senior Keith Park.

Admittance is not restricted to college students, but the music is geared toward college students, who make up ninety-five percent of the crowd, according to Karousos. Jody Hessler, one of The Brass Rail's disc jockeys added, "The Brass Rail is a place where everyone can

*"College night brings a good combination of people who want to dance and people who want to sit at the bar, talking and drinking."*

Keith Park, senior

come and dance and have a good time. It's a place to come to forget about school for a while."

A few reasons diverse crowds descend on The Brass Rail on college nights are because it offers a variety of

attractions. For those who are not interested in the "Electric Slide" on the 650 square foot dance floor under a ceiling of flashing lights and a shimmering disco ball, there are four dart boards. If customers don't play darts, they can watch college basketball on the big screen television or on one of the three smaller screens. Don't follow sports? Grab a table in the back with some friends and talk without having to shout over the music from the dance floor. Don't have any friends? Talk to one of the owners; they're visible and very friendly.

Pehlivanidis said, "I'm very happy doing what I do. Spending time with the students makes me feel young. The students are fun and friendly kids."

But college night at The Brass Rail is not perfect. Junior Chuck Witham said, "A pool table would be great. If they put one in I'd be there everyday."

Senior Allison Hight added, "If The Brass Rail is really a dance club, they should play more Techno. And five dollars for a pitcher is too much on a college night."

Yet, The Brass Rail is more than just a dance club. A menu serving lunch and dinner items ranging from the "Famous Fredericksburger" to filet mignon are available from 11:30 in the morning until about 9:30 in the evening. After 9:30, The Brass Rail becomes a dance club.

Knowing The Brass Rail is not perfect, the owners are open to suggestions and want to know how they can make The Brass Rail most enjoyable for students.

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## Talibah Brings African Dance, Culture To MWC

By Marge Foster  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Forty barefoot students huddle on the hard gymnasium floor, waiting for class to begin. Two drummers sit apart from the group, tuning the classroom into an African village with their stirring rhythms. When the echoes of the final drumbeats ricochet off the dance studio walls, a petite woman with braids speaks.

"I am Talibah," she says. "My name means, 'seeker of knowledge, seeker of truth, the student.' You may call me Sister Talibah."

Talibah Harrington of Richmond, Va. is Mary Washington College's new guest instructor of African dance for the spring semester. She has been dancing for almost two years and is a member of two dance troupes: Ezibu Muntu of Richmond, and Spirit of Africa of Charlottesville. Harrington performs with these groups at least three times a month. Both dance troupes focus on traditional African dances from West Africa.

This is the first semester MWC has offered a course in African dance. Michael Joyce, chairperson of drama and dance, supervised the decision to add the course.

"I felt it was important to offer a course on ethnic dance," Joyce said. According to Jean Hunt, assistant professor of dance, MWC students have been interested in dances of different cultures for some time.

"There has been a high demand from the students for an African Dance course for a number of years," said Hunt.

This semester, Harrington will teach her students at least two traditional

West African dances: Funga of Liberia and Mandiani (pronounced manJAHny) of Senegambia, Guinea and Mali. The students will also prepare a performance for the Multicultural Festival on April 3.

In class, the students are also required to wear wrap-ups, or long, brightly-colored cloths tied around the waist. Harrington assured her students that they could even use a sheet. Male students are asked to wear loose-fitting pants. Harrington's students are excited about the class.

"This class adds a new dimension to the dance department," said Senior Aimee Cooper, a student enrolled in the new course. "The dance department is finally expanding into other cultures."

The class, which meets once a week, is two hours of strenuous dancing accompanied by the music of two live drummers. As a result, many students awoke to blisters and sore muscles on the morning after class.

"She really works you," said Sophomore Guilfule Nadi, a member of the class.

Other students found traditional African dance difficult to adjust to. Senior Tim Landis seemed a bit self-conscious.

"I'm a little concerned about my lack of coordination," said Landis. "I thought I was doing everything right, but when I looked around, everyone was doing something else. I think I may have more potential as a drummer."

According to the students, the drums are an important aspect of the class because they keep the students' feet



Photo Steve Yi

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Sister Talibah Harrington instructs her African Dance students.

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moving and hearts beating. The different-sized drums are from Senegambia, a region in West Africa. The larger one is called the *junjun*, and the smaller one is the *djembe*.

"You must give homage to the drummers, for without them, there would be no dancing," Harrington tells her students at the end of each class.

The students form a circle and, one by one, slap the floor when they pass in front of each drummer, "giving it up to the drummers," as Harrington says.

Harrington's twelve-year-old son plays the drums for the class and is accompanied by David Rocke, who has been playing the drums for 22 years. Harrington has been dancing for almost the same amount of time — since she was twenty-two years old.

"One day, on my way to exercise, a friend asked me to try it. I went into the studio, and there were ten drummers," Harrington said. "The pulsation of the drums kept me going. The music was so overpowering; you just did it."

Harrington designed costumes for African Heritages, the dance company that introduced her to African dance. One day, before a performance, she was asked to replace a dancer. She did, and danced with African Heritages for eight years.

In addition to her son, who has been playing the drums for eight years, Harrington's daughter has also been surrounded by music all her life. When she was pregnant with her daughter sixteen years ago, Harrington danced until delivery.

"After she was born, I danced with her on my back," said Harrington of her infant daughter, who was dubbed

"The World's Smallest Entertainer."

MWC has planned two African dance performances this semester. Spirit of Africa, one of the dance troupes of which Harrington is a member, is scheduled to perform in April. The Virginia State University Dance Troupe is expected to perform "My Name is African-American" on Feb. 4 at 7 pm in Dodd Auditorium.

Harrington has never been to Africa. She is anxious to go, however, and is currently planning her first trip. She and a group of dancers hope to travel to West Africa, including Mali, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Ivory Coast. The group is trying to raise money for the trip.

When she is in Africa, Harrington says she will learn all the dances she can.

"We will learn what they are dancing, bring it back, and spread it all around."

Mary Washington College's African dance students practicing a routine during class. The students are lead by Sister Talibah Harrington.



Photo Adam Owings

Mary Washington students enjoy drinking and darts at The Brass Rail, a new hangout.

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In an effort to satisfy student's complaints about music, Neil Glancy, The Brass Rail's entertainment promoter, has booked DJ Juan, a disc jockey from Tracks night club in DC, to perform at The Brass Rail on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Glancy says that if the students like DJ Juan he will become a regular part of college night. If students don't like DJ Juan, said Glancy, he will find someone they do like.

In addition to its many attractions, The Brass Rail is a safe place on both the inside and the outside. Outside, there is an entire, well-lit shopping

center parking lot. Inside, there has never been a fight or reason to call the police, according to Pehlivanidis.

Future plans for The Brass Rail, formerly Charcoals, include reduced prices on beer and food for students when they present their MWC ID. The owners are also discussing the possibility of allowing bands from the college to use their dance floor, free of charge, on Sundays to practice.

Ken Heller, a junior at Duke University, admitted, "I've never seen anything like The Brass Rail in my life."

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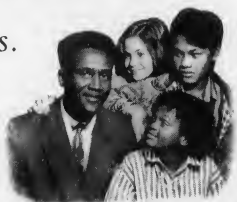
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## Personals

**Kim James-**  
How's Softball? Hope you're still having fun!  
-the purple one

Guess who is wanted Dead or ALIVE??

**To the GIANT Family-**  
I hope we can all make it through the semester without running away, joining the circus, or going to jail (Smile!!)  
Love- Mom

**ALL JUNIORS** beware JR Ring Week is coming up soon!!  
-JR CLASS OFFICERS

**Ira & Merv-**  
No more long hours for ASA. It's time to let loose and get loose.

**Horsey-**  
Ride like the wind! Have fun at Elon. Miss ya!  
-Heather

**WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE, LISA?**

-Gameboy

**Hey Mirth-**  
Shave the red fur for the Jimmy. Numpsa Little Sal

**Meg-**  
The H-man is gone! Who can we just after now?  
Decisions...Decisions...

**Jette, Dave, Brice, & Meta-**  
Thanks for the laughs! Frankie is looking forward to meeting you guys. She is tooting (Smile!)  
Love- Mother of Five

**Tristen-**  
Ever wish you were on an Island, with just you & your boyfriend? Hope you had fun. Any showers? Keep it clean!  
-Suiteamate

**Spencer-**  
Are you surprised? We're looking forward to your visit. I'm just not sure Fredericksburg is ready for a New Yorker with a "southern" accent! Where's our tape??  
-Those you've met and those you haven't.

**Hi Shamu.**  
-Fred

**Hey JG in Mercer-**  
How's it hanging? Just wondering.  
-Your (not so) Secret Admirer.  
P.S. this is not flirting.

**Cindy-**  
What do you mean it wasn't that good?  
-Len

**Tammy-**  
You have the nicest eyes!  
-Your Little Jewish Friend

**Belinda-**  
How's Tex? Is the offer still good? "Everything about you" is our next gig right?  
-Amanda, Monica, Dinky

**Maura-**  
Why are you so short? Why are your feet so small? Why do you hang out with Eric & Charlie & Flicky? Come on over, my little doll.

**Falso-**  
Let's pour water on each other and then you can jump out the window.  
XYZ  
-Little One

**Chuck-**  
Don't sneak up behind me!  
-Heather

**Andrea-**  
Happy 22nd!  
Love- Jen

**LITTLE ONE-**  
THAT MAKES LOVE!  
-FATTY

**Jaws-**  
Your boyfriend treats me with reckless abandon. I expect a margarita as compensation.  
-Peanut

**Classic Tim-**  
Don't forget to recycle your plastic and metals. I'll come by later with the Limo and my Dad's Gold Card (Smile!!). WOW! What an opportunity...GRAB IT, GRAB IT While you can.  
-The Accuser

**Maura-**  
It's you I want to be with.  
-Snoopy

**Caffine-**  
Anytime a good time for a drink. Comin' home tonight? Be Good!  
Love- 313

**JUNIOR CLASS-**  
For those of you who attended the meeting Wed. night--THANK YOU!! You were all a great help.  
-JR CLASS OFFICERS

**To the Men's Basketball Team-**  
You guys are NOT losers!! I think you are #1!  
-J.

**TNT-**  
You are my favorite pal!  
-the purple one

**To: Jan Rudow**  
Continue to run your race with the strength of the Lord.  
-Ayvonne

**I want Woodie's woodie.**  
-JG

**Achilles-**  
We know the message was you.  
-CU & BC

**Hot Italian Hero-**  
Yo Yo Yo Where's the oil?  
-Your Little Jewish Friend

**Pink Ducks-**  
The difference is that you've worn the chicks underwear.

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**Ki Soon-**  
Tic-Toc, Tic-Toc. Time is running out. Boston or Virginia...

**Drunk Buddy-**  
Hold my life...Thanks for listening to me stress. Good show Fri! Wanna play cards?  
-H

**Cheer-up Class Council Members...**Life does get better...And then you graduate!  
Love-Sonja

**Denise-**  
It was a pleasure to meet you.  
-One of the funny Madison Boys

**Underworld-**  
It would be a lot more better if you'd take some speaking lessons.  
-B.C.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jen Darcy!**  
-Love- C.D.

**Woodie Baseball** was my secret love slave.  
-Handcuffs

**To: All the sisters of Kappa Gamma Sigma-**  
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From: The pledges of the Epsilon class of '93 Lisa, Jenny, Jennifer, Keia, Melanie, Rose, Liz, Mary Ellen, Denise, Mary J., Jill, Jenn, Aurealia, Kathleen, Joy, Amanda, Tracy, and Katie.

**Amy-**  
Bang the Gavel!  
-A Member of Senate

**Hershey Park-**  
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-The Phantom Flatworm

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY INGER!**  
Love- C.D. & L.V.

**Jay-Jay-**  
Tell me the truth! Did he stink?  
-Freak Lover

**Bucky-**  
Climb aboard my humpty-hop. I'll show you a good time, and I'm clinically sane.  
-Jay

**Mike-**  
I'm waiting for you...you are so very very nasty.  
-Miss Jackson

**Kristen G-**  
That Southern Accent Drives me wild.  
-A member of Senate

**3-D Pope-**  
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**Hi, Beth!**  
-Jo & Jo

**Beth- SCREW!**  
-Mary

**Souxie-**  
What flavor is bubble gum supposed to be?  
-Mr. Friend

**Andy-**  
Shut UP! Sit Down!  
-Your Little Jewish Friend

**Bethana-**  
We will have our hippy-hops and hop on down to the Brigade.  
-Murry  
P.S. Rock - n - Roll!

**Lola-**  
Hey babe...come by and check us out...we miss you sooo much!  
-The Mason Boyz

**To whom it may concern-**  
A bottle of cheap wine, a rebel flag, and a cemetery. Anyone's idea of a dreamdate? It was ours.

**Nick-**  
Where are your down booties?  
Next to the Apple?

**Bud-meister-**  
12 step-it to Jamaica, and we'll have you locked up. Maybe you'll find a boyfriend there too.  
-J-meister

**Dear Beth-**  
It takes 3 words to say it, but 12 steps to realize it. Wanna join?  
NA!  
Love- Jay Jay and Mary

**To Willard-**  
Can you sit up and play dead too? It's time to cut the leash.  
-The Suckers

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## Different Year, KEGS— Same Story

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baby-sit people," said junior Christine Myskowski.

Underage students have traditionally turned to off-campus parties as one place where they could drink, and it seems that the "keg party" may now become a thing of the past, as older students do not want to be charged with serving underage drinkers.

"At least if they bring their own beer, you can't be charged for serving them," said Myskowski.

The new law is also changing many other Mary Washington traditions, such as 100th night and Beer & Pizza, traditionally held in the Eagle's Nest for seniors just before graduation. 100th night, which was held on Thursday, was recently changed to a B.Y.O.B. function since using state funds to purchase kegs, which the college had done in previous years, violates state policies. Dick Miller, vice president for business and finance, said the new law was the primary concern of the administration in the deciding to make 100th a B.Y.O.B. function.

"What really sparked the debate was the keg law that requires someone to sign their name for the kegs. Whoever that person is, they had better know the responsibility that goes along with it," said Miller.

Joanne Beck, dean of students, said she, along with the student leader of the organization serving the beer, would have to sign her name for the kegs. She says being held liable for

any accidents that occur is not a responsibility anyone should have to take.

"We can't just sign the form 'Class Council', so it raises problems," said Beck.

Other area stores have had a mixed reaction to the law. Powell's Friendly Market on Lafayette Blvd. said that they have had no drop in keg sales during the month of January at all. But Giant Food in the Park and Shop Shopping Center says they have experienced a drastic change.

Many students feel frustrated by the sudden increased control over the party scene by both the administration and the state, and are left wondering what the result will be.

"It's bad enough that we can't get kegs in the dorms, but now it seems impossible to get a keg period," said Sean Price, a sophomore.

"The increased control over the residential students has caused me to investigate the possibilities of moving off-campus. The social situation on-campus has deteriorated since my freshman year. I personally think that the law is a violation of our privacy rights," said Sophomore Brian Hager.

Junior Colette Epple made her own prediction for the future of partying at Mary Washington.

"I think we're going to become more of a 'bar campus.' The bars are definitely going to benefit from this," said Epple.

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dance program's future was in danger. In early November, dance faculty informed students that the college was considering eliminating the dance program.

At that time, Philip Hall, vice president for academic affairs, said that the administration had no current plans to eliminate the major. However, Hall has recently said that he is worried about the future of the dance program.

"It's likely that we will have to discontinue dance as a major," he said.

According to Hall, consistently weak enrollment in the dance program is the primary factor underlying its possible removal. There are currently seven declared dance majors, not including the freshmen and sophomores who plan on declaring this year.

Though there are few dance majors, Paine said that considering the size of the department, the increase in majors has been steady during her four years at the college.

"I think that growth would continue," she said. However, both Paine and Hall said that dwindling state funds may be another factor in the decision to eliminate the dance major.

Paine said that she read in the newspaper that MWC President William

Anderson said the Board of Visitors will make the final decision in a meeting scheduled for the end of February. If the BOV decides to eliminate the major, dance classes will be taught as physical education courses only.

Paine said that she will resign, regardless of what decision is made by the BOV.

"In any event, I won't come back here next year," she said.

Hall said he was disappointed that Paine has decided to resign.

"She's an excellent person and we hate to lose her," he said.

Hall said the department will hire a replacement for Paine on a one-year basis. The job status of part-time professors Susan Bredin and Eric Hampton are unknown, but full-time Assistant Professor of Dance, Jean Hunt, said she promised her students that she will continue to teach at Mary Washington College through 1997.

"It's important for me to remain until all the current majors graduate," she said.

Dance students such as junior Angie Shackford say they are disappointed by Paine's resignation but are not surprised.

"I'm not surprised at all. Nor do I blame her. Who would want to be in an institution that has no respect for the arts?" Shackford said.

Jen Green, a dance major and stu-

dent representative for the department of dramatic arts and dance, said she does not blame Paine for leaving. She cited the college's lack of commitment to making a decision about the future status of the dance major, as well as unfair treatment of Paine, as justification for Paine's resignation.

"They kept telling us that a decision would be made but they still haven't made one. It's not fair to anyone," she said.

Regardless of the outcome of the BOV's decision about whether or not to eliminate the dance major, Green said that almost all of the dance majors will transfer from Mary Washington eventually if not immediately.

"We can't stay here and graduate as marketable dancers, not with Cathy's leaving and the way we have been treated," she said.

Green predicted that Paine's leaving will dramatically effect the atmosphere of the dance department for those who continue to take classes at Mary Washington.

"It won't be the same. She is the driving force behind the department," she said.

"They (college administrators) don't realize what an incredible teacher, motivator, and friend she is to the students," Green added.

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## RALLIS — from page 1

enrolling students or hiring and promoting faculty and staff members.

"I believe that the statement of community values means something. I believe that the administration is fully behind it," Rallis said.

James Gouger, chairperson of the geography department, said he was unaware that Rallis is a homosexual until last week when Rallis showed Gouger a copy of the column he had submitted to the *Bullet* disclosing his sexual orientation.

Gouger, who said he does not foresee much of a reaction from the college in response to Rallis' disclosure, said that the announcement should not effect or jeopardize Rallis' job at the college.

"He (Rallis) is the same person he's always been," Gouger said.

Though most faculty have been supportive of Rallis' decision to come out, some faculty do not consider homosexuality acceptable.

Steve Stageberg, associate professor of economics, said, "The problem is not with homosexuals in the military, it's in homosexuality as part

of the moral decay of our country."

"(Homosexuality) is a violation of God's law," Stageberg said. "God calls it an abominable act."

Stageberg said that the problem is not with homosexual people, it's in the practice of homosexuality.

"Jesus has instructed us to love all our neighbors. We should love all people and we should encourage them to change (to heterosexuals)," Stageberg said.

Junior Dan Oliver, who traveled in South Africa with Rallis last summer and roomed with him the entirety of the trip, said he respects Rallis' decision to come out.

"He stands up for everything he believes in. I say the more power to him," Oliver said.

Oliver, who knew Rallis was gay when he roomed with him, said that Rallis' disclosure should not have any bearing on his job at Mary Washington College.

GLBSA president Jay Vanover said he has heard rumors that professors have been fired for being actively gay.

"It's okay to say you're gay, but don't act it," he said in the attitude he sees from the administration.

Vanover said that though most of the college community is accepting of gays, a majority of the gay faculty are still in the closet.

"The school does a lot for students to encourage diversity, but not for the faculty," Vanover said.

Vanover said the GLBSA was criticized for being too radical when they attempted to bar the military from recruiting on college property. He said the military's policies violate the college's non-discrimination policy. "It's really hypocritical of the school. The school can't be bigots but they provide space for them," he said.

Vanover said it may be easier to bar those organizations who discriminate from recruiting now that the ban of gays from the military has been partially lifted.

"The lifting of the ban is a great thing," Vanover said. "I'm just sorry it's dividing the country so much. Either you're for it or against it. There is no middle ground."

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